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TOPICS OF THE TIME.

THE Supreme Court of Vermont has

decided that a man traveling in that

State on Sunday without excuse cannot

maintain an action against a town for

any damage he may suffer through defects

in its highways. This accords with the

decisions in Maine and Massachusetts,

but conflicts with the decision of the

Wisconsin court on a similar point.

It would appear that the statement

that Donaldson's children are in desti-

tute circumstances is untrue. Mr. James

Keeler, of Rochester, New York, who has

been appointed their guardian, finds

that Donaldson's property will pay them

an annual income of several hundred

dollars—enough, in fact, if properly

managed, to rear and educate them quite

well.

The number of travelers between

France and England via Calais and

Dover, during the month of August, was

twenty-eight thousand two hundred and

sixty-four. The first eight months of

the present year show a total of one hun-

dred and thirty-nine thousand five hun-

dred and seventy-six, being an increase of

three thousand eight hundred and three

over the corresponding period of 1874.

The United States are to have an im-

perial visitor next year—the emperor of

Brazil, Dom Pedro II de Alcantara. He

has secured the consent of his parlia-

ment to an absence of eighteen months

in Europe and the United States. He

will go to Europe, and then, returning to

America, will attend our centennial cele-

bration and become certainly not the

least of the many sensations which the

next year will have to have in store for us.

It does not appear that the revolution

in the Turkish provinces is abating. The

address of the Servian parliament—its

official name is the Skupstchina—ex-

presses sympathy for the Herzegovinians,

and professes to Prince Milan all means

necessary to restore peace to the provinces

in open revolt. An armed neutrality is

apt to be a prelude to open war, and such

neutrality as Serbia maintains will be

undermined; indeed, it is so already, for

its troops are marching to the frontier.

CHICAGO, the largest grain market in

the world, handles about 90,000,000 bushels

annually, and has now in operation eight-

teen steam elevators, with a capacity of

15,350,000 bushels, or more than the av-

erage product of 1,600,000 acres of the

fertile wheat-producing lands of the con-

tinent. Their capacity varies from 200,-

000 bushels to 1,500,000. The entire cost

of the eighteen elevators now in opera-

tion was about \$5,000,000, exclusive of

the cost of the grounds on which they stand.

A NOTED negro, "Jack" Campbell by

name, has just died at Madison, Georgia,

aged eighty years. His reputation as a

humorist extended throughout the State

of Georgia and lasted for many years.

He was a slave, owned by an inn-keeper

at Madison, and brought great prosperity

to the establishment with which he was

connected. His name appears in the

"Statistics of Georgia," and "Major

Jones' Courtship," and many of his jokes

and witty sayings have appeared in the

publications of the State. At one time

Mr. F. T. Barnum offered the owner of

Jack the sum of ten thousand dollars for

him.

PROFESSOR CLELAND, in his address to

the British Association, says that he is

convinced of a unity of plan running

through animal forms, and reaching, so

far as the main line is concerned, its

completion in the human body. There

is evidence that animal life has reached

its pre-ordained climax in humanity, and

it cannot be thought that, as myriads of

years roll on, descendants differing totally

from man will be developed. In the na-

ture of the variations in the human race

there seems to be some evidence that the

progress of evolution is not to be traced

from man, and to other animal forms yet

to appear, but, through his physical na-

ture, into the land of the unseen.

The Princess Domenica Ciarelli was

left a widow with two sons, and the elder

died. Almost crazy with sorrow, the

Princess was ready to fight the men who

brought the coffin, and protested they

should not carry away the boy. In the

interval of calm the young brother, left

alone with the body and the coffin, re-

solved to cheat the men and help his

mother to keep Domenica. He hid the

corse in a closet and got in the coffin

himself. He was carried to the church

without discovery; but at the church,

nearly suffocated, he groined, and the

coffin was opened, but he died in a little

while. Now the mother is dead. All this

in Paris only the other day.

DESCRIBING what John Bull drinks

Mr. Horace White says excessive moisture

and a cold climate are more convenient

than philosophical as reasons to explain

why the Englishman is addicted to

sherry, brandy and stout, while the

Frenchman, German and Italian are con-

tent with sweetened water, light wines

and this beer. In America it is thought

that drinking seems to be rather per-